

## Chairmanship A Voice For All Arkansans

Last week, I was honored to be named the new Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

The Committee's responsibilities are of significant importance to our State's economy and jobs, encompassing a number of issues that are critical to all Arkansans. In my new role, I will have an elevated platform to continue to fight for Arkansas families and our priorities.

Under my leadership, the Committee will play the leading role on childhood nutrition, helping to ensure that Arkansas school children receive healthy meals that will give them the fuel they need to excel in the classroom.

The Committee also will lead in how we oversee our nation's financial markets, ensuring that retirees living on a nest egg and working families building their own savings are protected from the kind of predatory behavior we saw on Wall Street last year.

Finally, the Committee will lead in promoting economic opportunities and job creation in our rural communities. By ensuring that our communities have adequate access to credit, quality health care, and basic infrastructure, and by ensuring that our farming, ranching and forestry sectors are strong, our children and our grandchildren will have the opportunity to work and raise a family in places like my hometown of Helena-West Helena, where a strong commitment to faith, family, and friends remains.

In addition to my work on the Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, I continue to serve on the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and the Senate Special Committee on Aging. These committees are at the very heart of some of the leading issues facing our country today: stabilizing health care costs while preserving quality and choice, reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil, rejuvenating our economy, and creating good-paying jobs.

It is a privilege to represent you in the United States Senate as we tackle some of the most challenging issues in a generation. I am committed to ensuring that our State and our Nation remain strong and secure.

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